



Fact Sheet:



California State Incentive Grant (SIG)

Overview

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), California has been awarded a \$12 million federal grant of \$4 million per year over three years to strengthen prevention systems. California's SIG program will use evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs.

Goals of the California SIG are to:

- 1) *Develop and implement a comprehensive prevention strategy to optimize the use of State and Federal substance abuse prevention funding streams and resources.*
- 2) *Develop a comprehensive system of sustainable programs to ensure that resources fill the identified gaps in prevention using science-based prevention practices that focus on youth and young adults (ages 12-25).*
- 3) *Reduce past 30-day binge drinking among youth and young adults (ages 12-25) by 50 percent in 5 years.*

Outcome Measures

Baseline studies establish that binge drinking is a serious problem among California's youth. According to a recent study by the Committee on Developing a Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking, there are significant implications associated with binge drinking. These

include the threat to long-term development and well being, increased incidence of traffic crashes, as well as other problem behaviors including violence, suicide, and educational failure.

The California Student Survey (CSS) on Alcohol and Drug Use for Grades 7, 9, and 11 reveals alarming statistics about the incidence of binge drinking. The CSS uses a high degree of scientific rigor to analyze trends over an extended period of time.

The most recent CSS report of 2002 found that adolescent alcohol use, especially binge drinking, is even more prevalent in California than was previously reported by the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA).

When the prevalence data is aligned with the fact that one in eight Americans between the ages of 12-25 is a Californian, the significance of creating a program to address this problematic behavior is clear.

County SIG Projects:

Through a competitive bid process that will occur early in 2004, the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) will award County recipients' funds ranging up to \$250,000 per year for up to three years. Programs will be selected on the basis of their ability to demonstrate use of science based community prevention strategies to attain measurable outcomes related to ADP's SIG objectives.

County AOD offices are encouraged to collaborate with local government, schools, law enforcement, businesses and community organizations. County recipients of the SIG funds should begin operating their programs in 2004.

For more information regarding the California SIG, please contact ADP's Prevention Services Division by email at SIG@adp.state.ca.us.